

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-10, and 12-14 remain in the application with claims 1 and 8 having been amended hereby and claims 4 and 11 having been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 103, as being unpatentable over Wilson in view of Schiffer.

In paragraph 3 of the instant official action claims 4 and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended hereby to include allowable claim 4 in its entirety. Claim 4 has been canceled. Similarly, claim 8 has been amended hereby to include the allowable subject matter of claim 11, and claim 11 has been canceled.

The remaining dependent claims all depend from allowable claims 1 or 8.

Therefore, by reason of the inclusion of the allowable subject matter in the independent claims in this application, it is respectfully submitted that all claims remaining in this application are now in condition for allowance.

The reference cited as of interest has been reviewed and is not seen to show or suggest the present invention, as recited in the amended claims.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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